revenue, there will remain to be raised by tax in 1856. of \$817,600. Gov. DRAFER offered the following resolution,

Gov. Drafer chered the following resolution, which was adopted:
Resolved That the President of this Board communicate in the Board of Commissioners the fact that the estimates up nitially the particular for the acconditions through far the year 1816 does not include what may be because for the saperit of persons who are or may be the was upon them is consciuence of the landing or indispession of the Commissioners of Smirration to make provide for them

Gov. West presented a minor ty report in reference to religious worship on Randall's Island, and asked as a matter of courtesy, that his views on this subject

s matter of courtesy, that his views on this subject might be placed upon record. Objection was raised, and the report was withdrawa

for the present.

Gov. Wasy then moved that the Committee on Religious Service on Randail's Island be instructed to report at the next meeting. Lat-3 year and 5 mays. Appropriations were made to farmish refreshments to the immates of several of the institutions, including

those in the Lunatic Asslum.

The President Gov Townsend, announced that the The President Gov. Townskin, announced that the mual antiversary would be held at Randall's Island on New Year's day, and addresses would be delivered by Gov. West, the retiring member, and Gov. Smith. Also that Gov. Duke would deliver an original poem to the lunarice in the Asylum.

The Board adjourned to Monday next, at 2 p. m.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26, 1855.—D. D. CONOVER, 440., President, in the chair. By Mr. C. S. COOPER.—Rememstrance of John Budd

By Mr. C. S. Coopen — Remonstrance of John Budd and others again an access in Sainone street. Referred. Resolutions — By Mr. Redder, in favor of paying Messes Hambin, and J. Wilson Green, reader of the two Boares, blow earns each. Adopted.

By Mr. Swan, that the Street Department report what per centage they include in assessment lists as a compensation to the Cibector and Department play include it assessment lists as a compensation in the Cibector and Department report what per centage they included it seem dets. Adopted. Reports.—The report in favor of concurring in ordinance of Fire Commissioners, amending ordinance as to realists and bedges of Fire Department, was estiled up and adopted. Of Committee on Law separtment, in favor of giving power to heade of departments when necessary to orbain information, teresone of departments when necessary to orbain information, teresone of the Whole.

Of Committee on Fasironds, in favor of prohibiting the use of steam on the Hudson River Railread below Fifty-intensisted. To some.

Of Committee on Markets, in favor of allowing clam and oyster ceasers to return to their eid quanters in Catharine Market. To some.

oyster cealers to return to their eid quarters in Catharine Market. To seme.

By Committee on Law Department, relative to report as claim of thenry York, for brick rum wed by order of the Commissioner of streets and Lamps, form Beakmas street, corner of Nasseu street, when permission had been reserved from the Commissioner of S rects to pice them there, stating that both commissioner of S rects to pice them there, stating that both commissioner is sent to sorted the state of the paper as to establishing a Bureau of Inspectors was salied up, and laid on the table.

The report of Committee on Streets, in favor of extending Chambers street from the east of de of Chatham street to the head of James sip, was called up and adopted.

THERD READINGS—Reports—Of Committee on Assessmens, in favor of confirming aucosment lists and apportionments of sessessment, &c. Adopted.

In favor of remunerating E. C. Passmore (\$58) for damage statistic by being run over by Hook and Ladder Company No.

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In favor of fencing No. 778 West Thisty sixth street. Adopted.

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Adopted.
In favor of facting No. 718 West Thitty sixth street. Adopted.
In favor of fact-asing the salaries of Wim. H. Stephens,
Marshal in the Mayor's Office, to \$6.500 per annum and the
relay of George W. Binckman, Assistant Clerk in mayor's
Office, to \$1.700 per annum. Adopted.
In favor of increasing the salary of floratio N. P. kar, Mearerer to Board of Aldermon, to \$9.50 per annum, and Thomus
P. Flenders, Assistant Messencer, to \$9.50. Adopted.
In favor of building an addition to pier No. 24, E. R., from
the to khead, between piers Nos. 24 and 25, E. R. Adopted.
In favor of a coverising processis to build addition to rear part
of building of Engine Co. No. 42. Adopted.
In favor or obstaining sites at foot of Twenty-third street, E.
R. for a Market. Adopted.
The report to concur in probibiting the driving of swins below Forty-fifth street was called up and made the special or
fast for Friday evening.
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THE TAX LEVY FOR 1856.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of the Controller containing the Annual l'az Levy for the year 1816, respectfally

That they have given to this important matter all the consideration at a stention their minted time would admit, as the printed communication was not received by them from the printers until the 11th inst., and in this connection your Committee deem it proper to remark upon the manifest impolicy of delaying a measure of such was importance to all classes and interests of the currens at large to so late a period of the year as to compel, in a measure, its inderesment and adoption the citizens at large to so late a period of the year as to compel, in a measure, its indorsement and adoption by the Common Council, without a proper and full investigation into its merits or demerits. The large accumulation of business, bo h in the hands of your Committee and upon the extends of the Board during it elast month of the year, reneers it impossible to devote the necessary time for a thorough examination and analyzation of the important statements contained in a communication so voluntions as the one now before your Committee.

Your Committee would also call the attention of the Board to the analogueous nature of many of the state-

Your Committee would also call the attention of the Bond to the amagnous nature of many of the attainments made by the Controller, as by reference to page 5, let paragraph, that officer states that for the year 1851 the represes for police were "510,000," and for 1856, \$32, 500, which increase he represents as an annual increase of \$318,000, when in fact it is an annual increase of an average of \$63,600. Again, in the next paragraph, he commits the same error, by comparing the cost of printing for the year 1851 with 1855; he states the annual increase to be \$70,000, when actually the increase of 70,000 is for four years, and is \$17,500 annual increase. That there is a large annual increase in the expenses of the City Government legitimately incurred, must be admitted, as the rapid and unprecented growth of the cuty must necessarily augment its excessaring a corresponding ratio, and it appears cented growth of the city must necessarily augment its expenses in a corresponding ratio, and it appears to your Committee to be a work of superrogation for the Chief Financial Officer of the Government in his official communication, to represent the increase much more than it really is, thus creating in the public mind a feeling of cistrust and disregard for those who legis-late for and administer its Government.

The Tax Levy no s submitted for your action is un-

doubtedly an unusually large one, amounting to nearly \$7,000,000, which is an increase over the year 1845 of nearly \$5,000,000, and an average annual increase of nearly \$5,000,000, and an area of the Annual Tax Le ry for expenses of City Government from the year 1845 o 1852 was \$1,415,740, or an annual average in mease of \$250,000, while from 1852 to 1856, the increase has been, taking the Control er's estimate, without any additions the control er's estimate er's estimate er's estimate er's estimate er's estimate er's estimate er's est dition whatever, \$1 170,092 63, or an annual average of \$292,593 21. It will be observed that this increase does

dition whatever, \$1 170,092 63, or an annual average of \$222,523 21. It will be observed that this increase does not incline the sum raised for educational purposes or on trust accounts, both of which are unusually large this year, and tend to swell up the Tax Levy to be present large and apparently enormous amount.

The legi imate expenses of the City Government for the year 1856 will be near \$500,000, and in remarking upon this enormous expenditure, the Controller, or pages 19 and 20 of his communication, promises at some future day to give the Common Council such "information" and "suggestions" in regard to the finance of the City Government as will enable it (the Common Council) "to act understandingly." Your Committee has much cause to regret that the head of the Finance Department should have so long delayed the valuable and much sought for information he now promises to furnish. He has been at the head of that department during the past three years, and yet he has left the Legislature of the city to grope its way in financial darkness, when it has been in his power to illumine that darkness by the light of his wisdom and experience, so as to have enabled them to adopt their legislation in conformity with the principles of economy and exigatened views of financial reform, and your Committee are free to observe that they regard this promise of the Controller as an auspiaious ones of reform, and that he has at last realized the fact that something more was and delinquence so, or dissertations upon the acts of the Common Council and the Heads of Departments. ros and delinquences, or dissertations upon the acts of the Common Council and the Heads of Departments. Your Committee will, therefore, anxiously await the Your Committee will, therefore, anxiously await the ferthcoming document, in the confident expectation that some remedy will be suggested that will, if acopted, alleviate the constantly accumulating load of taxes which is annually placed upon the shoulders of the parient people of our great and prosperous city. Should that offler accompiles an end so derirable he should that offler accompiles an end so derirable he will be estitled to the blessings of countless thousands, who are now groaning under the dans most operous and exacting.

Your Committee, on an examination of the budget submitted by the Controller, find that he has left out

Your Committee, on an examination of the bridget submitted by the Contro ler, first that he has left out several items of expenditure called for by the Heads of Departments, which your Committee believe to be necessary and conducive to the public interests to insert in the tax bill.

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The detailed statement of the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, to be found on page 72, under the pairs and Supplies, to be found on page 72, under the pairs and Supplies, to be found on page 72, under the pairs and Supplies, to be found on page 72, under the page 32, 100 from which the Controller has desired it

ivisable to strike out the following items:	6 175 000	
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statement requires \$150,000 for repairs to pavements. The Controller has reduced that sum one-half, and allowed \$75,000, being the same sum apprepriated last year. And with the knowledge that the amount has long since been exhanted, and at the commencement of Winter the streets of the city are in a sad condition, your Committee have thought it advisable to add \$25,000 to be Controller's estimate, making that item \$100,000. When it is taken into consideration that there is annually several miles of new pavement placed under the superintendence of the Dapartment for Repairs, this amount will not be found too liberal. On page 6 (Police Department) your Committee find

for Repairs, this amount will not be found too liberal.

On page 6 (Police Department) your Committee find an item of \$5,050 for the Surgical Department, for which appropriation they cannot find the shadow of authority. Who established the Surgical Department or Bureau? Was it done by act of the Legislature or by ordinance of the Common Council? The Controller—usually so argue-ered in relation to appropriations without legal authority—does not inform your Committee by what authority he inserts this entirely rew item in the tax legy. Your Committee, after diaget search, not being able to find any "legal" authority authorizing the creating of such a department or bureau, are constrained to strike that item out of or bureau, are constrained to strike that item out of

under the head of Docks and Slips, New Work, estimates the cost of work already ordered by the Common Council at \$160,000. This estimate includes \$50,000 for a bulkbead at Manhattanville, which the Controller has, for certain reasons no deemed coaclu-sive or convincing by your Committee, struck out of the appropriations for that department.

The proper authorities have acted upon that measure, and devoted mu h time and attention to it, that action of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City, the Controller as a public executive officer has no right to question or impugn, and in so doing he departs most widely from the sphere of his appropriate and legitimate duties. By the charter, the Mayor is the only officer that possesses the authority to yet othe acts of the Common Council.

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the Common Council.

The Controller has allowed only the sum of \$100,000 for Docks, New Work. This appropriation will only cover the work now ordered. Can it be right to place our successors in a position of not having a dollar to expend upon Docks, should they deem it necessary to order new piers or bulkheads to be built? Your Commistee think not, therefore they insert the estimate of the Commissioner, for \$50,000, to meet the excesses that may be incurred by the Common Cou cil for 1856; that will make the appropriation for Docks, New Work, \$200,000.

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The Controller has left out the estimate of \$37,500 for removing Diamond Reef. This is another attempt on the part of that officer to practically veto the action of the Common Council, which your Committee consider unwarranted by any argument contained in his communication. This measure has received the particular attention of the city legislature, and after a fair and full investigation it has been adopted, contract made therefor, and duly and legally confirmed; why then should no the proper appropriation be made to enable the contractor to go on and perform a work so beneficial to the commerce of our city? Your Committee also deem it proper to insert an appropriation of \$30,000 for erecting a fence around Tompkins square; this work, without doubt, should be placed under the charge of the Street Commissioner, it coming under the Burean of Lands and Places; this work it is thought necessary to be done in order to properly it is thought necessary to be done in order to properly improve that great resort of the people in the eastern

it is thought necessary to be done in order to properly improve that great resort of the people in the eastern section of our city.

The Common Council by resolutions and ordinances have directed several of the leading thoroughfares of the city to be payed with the so-called Belgian pavement, for which no provision is made in the tax levy submitted by the Controller. This subject has engrossed much of the attention of our City Government for many years past, and when the Russ pavement was put down in Broadway, it was thought by many that the city had at last found that great desideratum, a cheap, durable, and easy pavement; since that period, however, another pavement has been brought prominently before the public, called the Belgian pavement, which is supposed to be as durable and much cheaper than the Russ pavement, which lister it is now universally conceded, by its smooth and alippery surface, is entirely unadapted to the wants and requirements of the public, and so smooth has it become, that large numbers of valuable horses are more or less injured almost daily by falling or slipping upon it; and it will require a large expenditure to render it safe to travel upon. Therefore, from these facts, your Committee may safely infer that the idea of utility is entirely exploded, in regard to the Belgian pavement, it being co aposed of precisely the same material as the Russ trap roce, only with smaller surfaces, will it not in time become as smooth at deagerous as the Russ now is? This is an important question to be answered. If in the affirmative, then most certainly not ano her yard should be laid in our streets. In view of these facts, the inquiry naturally presents itself, if those pavements are impracticable to be used, what pavement can be used in laid in our streets. In view of these facts, the inquiry naturally presents itself, if those pavements are impracticable to be used, what pavement can be used in the thoroughfaces of this city that will combine cheapness, durability, smoothness, and still a sufficient undevenness of surface to prevent alipping? Your Committee are satisfied that the iron pavement is the only one as yet presented, that combines within itself all these desirable qualities. Entertaining these views, your Committee have inserted in the tax levy \$100,000 for iron or Belgian pavement, whichever the Common Council may determine

priation for the pay of the Street Inspectors, under the Department of the Commissioner of Streets and Lamys. This item your Committee deem it advisable to restore,

amounting to \$19,656.

The Controller has inserted in the tax levy for cleaning streets the sum of \$259,224. This sum your Committee deem to be much to large. The expenditures of this Department by proper and ecocomical menagement, and by contracting the work to be done, should be within the sum of \$200,000. Deeming that

shouls be within the sum of \$200,000. Deeming that sum amply sufficient to transact all the legitimate business operations of that bureau, they accordingly strike off \$59,224.

In the year 1845, there was expended for cleaning streets \$50,437; an increase of \$150 000 from that sum in eleven years should be ample, that being an annual increase of over \$13,000. Had the contracts of 1854 had a fair trial, and the contractors been dealt fairly with by the head of that Department, instead of harassing them and breaking them do "n, the city would have saved several thousand dollars. Having but little doubt that the Common Council will adhere to the Charier and direct the cleaning of the streets again to be contracted out, your Committee deems this sum contracted out, your Committee deems this st

The Controller has inserted the item of \$7,500 for The Controller has inserted the item of \$7.500 buildings for the Fire Department; upon what his estimate is based your Committee are no informed, either by the Controller or the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplier. Believing that amount to be too large, they have reduced it \$4,500, making the sum for that pur-

Pose \$50,000.

In the estimate of the Tax Commissioners, they re In the estimate of the Tax Commissioners, they require \$10,000 for maps, &c., necessary for their Bureau. This sum the Controller has reduced one half, to \$5,000. The Tax Commissioners inform your Committee that over \$8,000 worth of maps now contracted for, therefore they deem it necessary to insert the \$19,000 required by the Bureau.

The item of \$88,315 for City Inspectors' Department, on priper inquiries your Committee has deemed proper to increase by the addition of \$3,500, as the records of the office are much in arrears, and it will require a large amount of extra clerk-hirs to place them in a position advantageous to the public.

In order that the alterations proposed by the Committee may be more briefly presented, the following table will show how much they have subtracted from and added to the budget of the Controller.

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Controller's estimate:

This increase to the annual tax bill carnot is any way or manner be controlled by the City Government. It is raised by act of the Legislature, and the large sums raised for the Alms-House and Board of Education, amounting in the aggregate to near two millions of dellars, are, as far as expenditars in concerns.

tirely bevend their control. The State Legislature, through the aid and consiveree of adroit and canning plotters among our citizens, have successively taken from the City Levislature one right after another, unpiotters among our citizens, have successively taken from the City Levislature one right after another, until at last they have reduced it down to the low and debasing occupation of being the universal tax-gatherer for the various irresponsible bodies created by the Legislature, and whose only object seems to be which can outstrip the other in expending enormous sums of the people's hard-earned gains. Your Committee reed give but one example, to convince the most skeptical, that the Legislature, in connection with certain zealous Reformers of this city, has been the main cause of placing the immense load of traction upon the people of this devoted city. In the year 1843, when the Common Council controlled the Alma-House Department, its expenditures did not quite reach \$200,000; in 1856 they go up to the enormous amount of \$813,000 an increase of \$613,000 per annum over the year 1845. Educational expenses have increased in about the same ratio, and so it is with almost every department of the city. Not one of them scarcely but has received some mark of signal favor from the State Legislature, in the shape of special acts, at the expense of the detry people. How much longer the people of this great metropolis will submit to have taxes imposed upon them in almost every shape by the Government at Albany, is a problem your Committee will not undertake to solve; but of this they are certain, that unless the Common Council speedily adopts some course of action to maintain what few rights and privileges it has yet remaining. this they are certain, that unless the Common Council speedily adopts some course of ac ion to maintain what few rights and privileges it has yet remaining, it will, if possible, sink still lower in the estimation of the people and justiy, too, as this body should be the ever watchful guardian of its own and the people's rights intrusted to its care. Those rights it has parted with, without a single effort to retain them; conrequently it has become a by-word and a reproach among those whose rights it has so basely surrendered. In conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying ordinance.

JOHN C. WANDELL,

BENJ. F. PINGENET, (scept as to language as to Controller.)

J. W. RANNEY, P. M. SCH SNCK.

Gommittee on Finance

AN ORDINANCE MAXING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE

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The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council contented, do ordain as follows:

BLCTION 1. The following amounts are Lemby appropriated for the payment of cisims on trust and special accounts for the year, from and including Jan. 1, 1856, to and succeding Dec. 31, 1856. Asylum for Idieta.
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Creton Aquaduct Department, for sewer, under direction of Corton Aquaduct Board. Creton Aqueduct extension and construction.
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and registing mains in Fith avenue.
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New York Juvenile Ass vious.
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Surrogate's office.

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Water Maps and Surveying (Par Commissioners).
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For 3. It shall not be sawful for the several department of the City Gevernment, and those having charge of expenditures, to make contracts or incur expenditures authorized by the Coumon Couscil, to an amount exceeding the several expropriations made, unless an appropriation, emilient to cover and excess, shall have been made by the Common General.

Sec. 4. Alt resolutions authorizing expenditures to be made intreaster, shall provide to the deflexing of the same from the general appropriations for the year; but in case any special appropriation shall be made for any object of expenditure, under any of the several heads of account the same small be considered as 6 ming a part of the several heads of account of the general appropriation.

Sac 5. The Controller is hereby authorized to borrow, from

Sation The Centroller is hereby authorized to borrow, from time to time, on the credit of the Corporation in anticipation of its revenues, and not to exceed in amount such revenues, such some as may be necessary to meet expenitions on the current year.

Resolved, That the Controller cluse application to be made to the Legis sture of the State of New York for the passage of the accompanying act, to coable the Separations of the City and County of New York to raise money by tax.

An act to exable the Superstores of the City and County of New York to Raise Money by Tux.

Section 1. The Bits of a Supervisors of the City and County of New York to Raise Money by Tux.

Section 2. The Bits of a Supervisors of the City and County of New York are breaky empowered, as soon as conveniently may be after the passage of this set, to order, and cause to be rised by sax, on the estates, real emplement, so yet to tax tion, according to law a sum not exceeding 63,406,778, for the objects and purposes following, to wit:

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1	Fire Department, (for Chief Engineer)	21.1
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1	Interest on Revenue Bonds	220.0
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ward the exponent or tighting which provided and fifteen thousand and also the further sample four hundred and fifteen thousand rice benefied and thirty-two relatives and sighty-turns count rice benefied as this by are on the sale to read and present, subject to take the sale to the sale that and try and county to transition, according to law, writing the mail sty and county to deficiency on transien in sale sity and county for the year countries thousand such thousand such first force.

Bro. 8. To parties of the sale respective same hardenbelow

named, shall be expected or applied to any other purposes or objects then said objects and purposes, respectively, full which the Board of Supervisors of said City and County of New York are beninhelite on monerate to runs the same as afficiently. Suc. 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE WIFE OF A CATHOLIC PRIEST SUING FOR DOWER.

The further examination of witnesses in the case of Smith vs. Laughtin, in which the plain iff sues, as widow of a Catholic Priest, for dower, was continued vesterday before the Referse, J. N. Van Cott, No. 29 Wail street. Two witnesses were examined. Toe first, Mrs. Catharine Chesebrough, No 277 Sixth street, testified to having been present at the plaintiff's house some eight years since, with Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Moore, two witnesses previously examined, when Mrs. Smith introduced a man to them as " her husbandthe father of her children." Witness was shown she daguerreotype produced previously, and stated it to be that of the person to whom they were introduced as testified to. The second witness was Mrs. Sarah Twaddle, No. 253 Wa ker street, who test fied in substance that some eight years since Mrs. Saith, the plaintiff, occupied a portion of her house; that she knew the caguerreotype produces; having seen it when Mrs. Smith shown once day when Mr. Smith, of whom the deguerreotype was a portrait, was there; plaintiff introduced him to witness as her husband. Smith remained at her house with Mrs. Shith four or five different nights; she knows of one occasion by her hearing Mrs. Smith inquire of some person if he had locked up, and to which a male voice replied that he had; Mr. Smith always paid the rent when he came; plain tiff introduced Smith to her as Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith was then known to her as Mrs. Hayes.

The further examination was then postponed until Friday of the second week in January, at 3 o'clock. the father of her children." Witness was shown the

CITY ITEMS

GOTTSCHALK'S CONCERT TO-NIGHT. -Mr. Gottschalk the American planist, will give his second concert to night (Thursday) at Dod worth's Saloon, next to Grace Church, Broadway. This attist is one of the greatest living, and ranks along with the best celeb ities of Europe. Certainly-fire, passion, solicity, brillisecy, all combined-he cannot be ranked in any particular school but that one which renders his instrument too most comprehensive and effective. See ad rerisement.

CLINTON HALL .- Mr. Brown delivered a lecture here last evening and recited some elocutionary pieces from American authors with much effect.

VETERANS OF THE WAR OF 1812 .- The Veterans of the war of 1812 gave their second annual bail last night at the Apollo Rooms, Broadway, for the benefit of the feeble survivors of the heroic band. About 10 o'clock the Veterans marched from their quarters in Lispenard street to the Apollo, where even at that early hour over one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen had assembled. Upon the arrival of the old soldiers the ball was opened with a grand march; after which dancing was commenced, and continued until a late hour. Many of the Veterans took part in the dancing, and vied with the younger portion of the assemblage in their display of the terpsichorian art. The affair passed off with much spirit.

MR. DION BOURCICAULT .- The New-Orleans Bee of the 19th announces the appearance of this gentleman, assisted by Miss Agnes Robertson on the 20th, the following day, being three days after that on which he was reported to have usparted this life. The report of his death is therefore unfounded.

LEGISLATIVE POLICE COMMITTEE -This Commit tee were to have reassembled yesterday, but as only Messrs. Stuyveeant and O Keefe were present, they a journed to meet to-day at 10 o'clock, when it is expected that Mr. Mackellar, the Clerk of the Chief of Police, will be examined among others.

We learn that the Wilson Industrial School Asso ciation will hold their Christmas Fee ival on Friday, Dec. 28, at their house, No. 137 Avenue A. The exercises will consist of singing and recitations by the pupils and short addresses by friends of the institution. Specimens of work by the trade-classes will be exhibited. Donations in goods, clothing, or provisions will be gratefully received by the managers.

TEACHERS' Association -Prof Leomis's lecture on The Piura ity of Worlds," postponed last Saturday evening on account of the inclemency of the weather, is to be delivered this evening at 74 o'clock, in the hall of the Board of Education. This is the second lecture of the course for the benefit of the Teachers' Library Fund.

We learn from a correspondent at New-Orleans that there is a predigious influx of young men-clerkswho can and nothing to do. For example, an adverhundred and seventy one applicants. Under these circums'ances we advise young commercial men to keep away from New-Orleans, as the market is over-

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE -Mr. Wm. H. Peterson, who resides at No. 247 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, left his residence on Monday morning, the 17th, at about 71 o'c'ock, for his place of business, No. 70 Caral street, New-York, and has not been seen or heard of since. He has a wife and two children.
Any information would be thankfully received by his brothers, No. 15 Marray street, No. 379 Broadway and No 70 Consi street.

A COUNCIL MAN RUN OVER AND PATALLY INJURED. -An accident occurred to Robert S. Dicks.n, esq., ore of the Councilmen elect from the Ninth Ward, on Moncay, which it is feared will result in his death. An alarm of fire was sounded for the Third District, when Mr. D., who is Foreman of Hook and Ladder Company No. 14, hastly proceeded in search of the Sie. Unfertunately, when near the corner of Eighth avenue and Fifteenth street, Engine Company No. 29 came up, and before Mr. Dickson could get out of the way the tongue of the machine struck him in the neck. He fell violently to the pavement, and while endesvoring to avoid the wheels they passed over and fractured his spine, beside causing other terrible ir juriee. He was taken up insensibe, placed in a carriage by his friends and conveyed to the New-York Hospital, where he still lives, but his injuries are of such a nature that ceath is hourly expected. Dickson is an old, resolute and honored member of the Fire Department

P. S -On inquiry last night, at 12 o'clock, we find Councilman Dickson doing tolerably wall, though his recovery is doubtful.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE NICHOLAS DEAN.-The feneral of Nicholas Dean took place yesterday forenoon at Dr. Beilews a church, corner of Fearth avenue and Twentieth street. The church, which was dedicated on Tuesday, was crowded, and part of the sides were blocked up with peop's. The coffin containing the sorpre lay on a marble slab directly in front of

The Rev. Dr. Bellows preached the funeral sermon from the text, "Set thy house in order, for thou shalt die and not live." In regard to the character of Mr. Dean, he said, it was always unesceptionable. No man who ever had any business with Mr. Dean could character, and that though be had he d prominent positions curing his life, and had been exposed to the strongest temptations, he slways discoursed his actions as a man and apublic servent. As a politician, he was known to be an attached friend of the late Henry Clay. The speaker read a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Clay some time before his ceath, when every one supposed the great chamsion of liberty was convalenced. It contained Mr. Dean a was meet congratulations on Mr. Clay's supposed convalenced; and was been entiment of the true patriot and gentleman. Mr. Dean had a passion for marininess, and for hours every lay for it call and the private circle of a true for a supposed to the church in which his funeral sermon was being relivered. He said the public had been deprived of a valuable servant, and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private circle of a true for a merital servant and the private say one word derogatory to his moral and intellectual

lowing gentlemen acted as pall-bearers :- Moses H. Gripped William F Carey, Daniel Lane, P. A. Curtis, Gec. Sanctord, T. J. Waters. Joseph Cartis, B. P. Wheelright, Peter Cooper, C. S. Francis, John Loveredge, The dere De Forest.

A large concourse f. Howed the remeins to its last resting place, Second avenue Cemetery. The coffia was of roww od, with si ver naits. On the plate was handsemely engraven the following:

NICHOLAS DEAS

The coffin was placed in a place box line t with lead, and interred in the vault. THE LATE NICHOLAS DEAN .- At a meeting of the

Society of the First Congregational Church (with

which Mr. Desn has been connected for many years), beld of er service on Sund .y, the 23d inst, the foi lowing preamble and recolutions were adopted:
The Society having beer informed of the decase of Nicheles Doan, e.g. and being impressed with a days ease not only of those using a root-length which distinguished him see manifeld Cartellan character his answering honor, his great integrity, bleaunting energy its goodens in heart his clear strong active and upright nind-but and of the irrepartable as which if he available is which if he available in being sentred of the constant and which are of and so cart sty rendered in its affair, connected to proper that our respect for him me only and our grief for his loss should have an approprite to tar shop, wherefore it is.

Resolved Test deally sympatheting in the bersawment which as Dean's family have assistant and ray loss while the community cave suffered in his death, we will attend his family as he apprinted a Committee of Arrangements to behilf of its Society to take such measures in owner with the number of his family as shall be appreciated of the honor day to his necessary to the mean restify our appreciation of the honor day to his necessary. being preamble and resolutions were adopted:

shall in some massure testify our appreciation of the honor dua-tion in mean v.

Resolved, That eight pall-learners by nominated from the So-niety by the Chairman, and that the Committee of Arrancamenta communicate their names to the arrancers of Mr. Dean's family, Assessed. That a copy of these reso using he transmitted to Mr. Dean's family his Societary, and that he camm nelects to them that the members of this Society, individually and cal-lectively successful displace the heavy across which their great loss has occasioned.

REAL ESTATE .- The following sales of real estate were made at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday by

BECTAL ASSAULT-A MAN TERRIBLY BEATEN -

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a most brutal seesult was made upon the person of a man us sed John Martin, residing at No. 248 East Twelfth street. It appears that while in a low groggery in Baxter street, he laughed at some peculiarity in the dress of a tobacco vencer who called there, but not with the in tention of giving off-nee, and none appeared to him to have been given. He left, short y afte , for home, but had scarcely got in the street when he was followed by a gang of miscreants from the rum hole, who went bealed him, knocked him face foremost to the pavement, and then kicked and beat him in the face with their boots and with brickbats until he was almost senseless, and a horriple spectacle to look at; several gashes were cut in his face, both eyes were blackened and c'ored, and his nose was partially frectured. The ruffians finally fled to their biding places, and Martin was conveyed to a drug store. In the mean time, Policeman O'Brien, late of the Third District Police Court, and two others of the Fourteenth Ward Police, beard of the outrage and proceeded to the groggers, where they arrested James Kearnan John Hooks, and one or two others, charged with being concerned in the sessuit. They were taken before Justice Wood, who locked them up to await examination.

HEAVY ROBBERT IN BOSTON-ARREST OF THE THIEVES IN THIS CITY .- The Trecothie Acatemy, (a fencing school.) situsted at the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets, Bost n, was robbed on Saturday tight of six gold wa'ches, six silver watches, and about \$500 in money, the property of students of the academy. It appears that it had been placed in the charge of J hn Jackson, keeper of the wardrobs, ann it was, together with Jackson, missed when the school was dismissed on Saturday night. Search was made for Jackson, but he was nowhere to be found. Mr. Stewart, proprietor of the establishment, soon after learned that he had left for this City, fo lowed him here arriving on Tuesday morning and after a diligent search, in which he was assisted by Officers Sweeney and Havens of the Twenty-first Ward, dis street, and arristed them. They were taken to the Station House, and on their persons were found all the watches and \$.7 in money. Jackson acknowledged his guilt and said the two young men were his accomplices. They gave their names as Partip Higgins and Samuel Roberts, and, with Jackson, were locked up by Justice Davidson preparatory to being sent to Boston for trial.

tisement for a clerk brought in less than a day five | named Michael Broderick, charged with the seduc to a | crammi ted the accused to juli for trial. of E len Brannon under promise of marriage. The accused, after his arrest, promised to make reparation by marrying his victim but on the arrival of the cergyman he backed out, and preferred going to prison to having a bride. He was then taken be ore Justice Begart and ocked up, in deault of \$1,000 bail, to snawer the charge.

A FEMALE FOUND DEAD .- An unknown wo man A FRMALE FOUND DEAD.—An unknown wo had tends in year-tends y norming in the entry of the teneur ent-house, No. 19 Baxter wires. She was about five feet three inches in hight, and blind in the right yee. Coroner O'Donnell held as inquest upon the hopy and the Jury readered a vendice of death from intemperator and exposure. No one present was able to identify the receased, such her body was sent to the Sixth Ward Police Station, where the inquest was held.

A BOARDING-HOUSE THIEF DISPOSED OF.—James Fiches, alres Richarden, a young Englishman who engaged board a few days ago at the house No. 127 supdaon attent, girlog Ald Heritok as bis rafe ence, and who, after maying about wenty four house in the house, stole an order of and decomped, was yes acted a straight of in the 'lour' of Special Sessions and pleades gut 15 of the theft. The Recorder sent him to the Pententiary for six months.

CAPTURE OF A HOUSE-THIEF -A young man CAPTURE OF A HOUSE-THIEF —A young man camed Wm. Francis, was described setucity removing the reem of Mrs. Boiths Nickel, in the tenement house No. 121 Electide street, he having gained access to the room by means of a she citou key. In strempting to except he knowed down Mrs. N. ane then rushed into the street but was followed by the lady who give the alarm, and Officer Spright of the Terth Wasd streeted him and he was locked up by Justice Wood. A banch of sheleton keys and a chiefle which he had thick a sway in his dight were recovered.

DETECTION AND ARREST OF A HALL THEEF.—John Harry, allas Farty Harry, an old off-oder, was detected on Christmas evening to the develop of Mr. E. C. Clark, No. 177. Fast Fourteenth since which he had entered and robbed of clothes and money to the value of \$140.75. It appears that he choice as an arrow of the family were up chiesed the front basement door white the family were up caused the front basement door white the family were up caused the front basement door white the family were up caused by Mr. Clars. An alarm was given, and Officer observed by Mr. Clars. An alarm was given, and Officer white such De Binder, after a len chase, a coceeded in captuing him with the stolen ardoles in his procession. He was taken before Justice Wood, and locked up for trid. The Saventeen h Ward police represent him as being a notorious third and a terror to the usignible hock.

The only gold medal awarded for Daguerreo-erras at the late Pair of the American Institute was to J. Sonsey. The specimens can now be seen at his Palace of Act.

ANOTHER TRIUMPH.—The only Medal for DAGUNERCOTYPES of the great Exbirtion as Paris was awarded J. Genner, No. 349 Broadway, New-York

The great exhibition of Photographs, for which Gold Medal was awarded over all competitors at the late far of the American Listitute, are now to be seen at the Galact of Guray & Fradericas, No. 549 Broadway.

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[Advertisement.] From the American Institute To S. ROOT, Isq: Correction.—Promium awarded at the Twenty-eventh Annual Fair of the American In-time: "AMURI ROOT, No. 383 Broadway, for the Beer Photocaru in "Fater Co'ors—Gold Metal.

BROOKLYN ITEMS.

The managers of the Ladice' Fair, to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at Montague Hall, City Hall, Brooklyn, for the benefit of the Church of the Visits ion, Red Hook Point, appeal to the pubtic with the bose that their efforts in the cause of Religion and Charity may be aided by the benevolent and generous pe ple o' Brooklyn and New York, a) as to enable the worthy pastor, the Rev. Mr O'Farreil, to render his ministration as beneficial as possible to those who so much need it in that part of South Brocklyn where the church is situated.

SUDDEN DEATH -Coroner Hanford held an inquest yesterday afterneon as the corner of Withers and Smith streams on he body of Margaret Murray, who drouged down dead the night previous. Dr. Schaeps made a pee-most an examination, and in accordance with his evicence the July rendered a vacility of "Death by disphragmatic harmis."

FIREMEN'S BALL.—The eighteenth Annual Ball of Washing on Frain-Company No. I come off last night at the Odeon in Fifth street. The ball of this old and offi sint Company was a religit of edd as on all forms occasions and the fettivines passed off in a manner creditable and satisfactory to all who nay idepared.

CONVICTIONS FOR BURGLARY.—In the Court of Sensions yestenday a young man named Semuel H. dim as was tried on the charge of an gisty in the first degree. The prisoner was arrested a few Sunday evenings also en the store of C. f. date, corner of Myrten aven and Adams street into which he had braken by burging in the door. He was heard by the occupants who save the alarm, and officer Hyre of the First District Felice took him into custody. When elsowered he pretuned to be salesp. He was somewat intoxinand. No burgiarious instruments were found on the person. The Jury, after a short shousen. He was somewat intoxinand. In burgiarious instruments were found on the person. The Jury, after a short shousen be braken to make the degree. Sentence was reserved.

James Divie was tried and convicted on the charge of barglars in the third degree, the officese having been committed in the Easte no District. He was sometimed to the State Friesen for the term of three years and four ments, when the Court adjourned over to this morning.

YOUTHFUL BURGLARS — Yester ay morning Officers.
Billings and Venceshorf of the First District arroard three boys, named Samuel Nextrace, Muhane Hart and Churles Dehett, for breaking he one. 51 Juston street, and shalling the lead pipe and other fatures. Thay had a big full of plunder when arrayed. The house was undecayed. They were brought before Justice Smith and compatited for a hearing.

SNATCHING A POCKET-ROOK.—A young is 4y name 1
Rowe had a cocket book centaining \$30, and ched from her
hand by a boy wells extering a toy-boy in Fulton street on
Christmas Evo. The little scalap excaped with the money.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

A CITY WATCHMAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARY has been arrested on a charge of burglary. He had been seen walking his beat in company with suspictors persons, and early on Tuesday morning, white Berj. Haines, one of the roundsmen of the nightwatch, was watching him and his associates, he saw him open the front door of Mr. Isaan S. Miller's residence in Grand street. He arrested Meeker, and upon searching him at the Station-House found & CHARGE OF SEDUCTION .- Officer Maxham of the banch of skeleton keys and other instruments used by Fourth District Police Court yesterday arrested a man | borglare u on his person. Recorder Cutter yesterday

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT-Doc. 26 -Before Judge ROOSEVELT. CENTRAL PARK

A large number of persons interested in the subject of epening the concempised Park, appeared this forence, the argument on the motion to confirm, and the reverse, on the part of those opposed to the means of having been set down for a braine. Bir Diffen, the Ca-po-ation Counsel, suggested that Judga Rocsevett, through convergantly to parties interested in assessments, mith the disquisited to preside in the case, are suggested that the matter be postponed with a view to have a large Rocsevett said he was not aware that such the case. The argument, however, was postponed to Friday.

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—DEC 28.—General Terms.

De La Figuoire et al., appe lauts agt Jeckson, respondent.

WOODRUFF, J.—Hy the acc of 1828, (Sees Law., p. 1,166 section 5) reliting to the Marten Court, in the same manner and with the line off of a single Julice of the said Court, in the same manner and with the line off of a special in the supreme Court from the decision of a single Julice of the said Court, in the same manner and with the line off of a special in the supreme Court from the decision of a single Julice of the whole section is in its farme and phraeology, libble to some criticism, as waning in a supreme Court from the section of the section relies to the former and perspectively. I think the meaning is interligible and I ratifully concur with the Julice at Special Term that the right of appears a relief to the Court, and I sim informed that the General from the Supreme Court. Should be stated in the Court and I sim informed that the General from the Supreme Court. Section 33% of the Code doctares in relief on the Court of the supreme Court. Section 33% of the Code doctares in relief on the Court of the Supreme Court. Section 18 50 of the Code doctares in relief on the Court of the Supreme Court. Section 18 50 of the Code doctares in relief on the Court of the Supreme Court. Section 18 sectio

The order at Special Term should be reversed; but, as the questions are for the most part new, the reversal should be without cost.